

ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER 1336 ELM ST PHONE 715-366-2941 ALMOND, WI 54909 WWW.ABSCHOOLS.K12.WI.US

October 2012

October Dates To Remember

- 10/4-Kindergarten Open House, 4:00-7:30 pm, Bancroft School
- 10/17-Board Of Education Meeting, 6:30 pm, Bancroft School

10/26-No School



ATTENTION ALL PARENTS/ GUARDIANS

If your child is absent from school, please call the Attendance Office at 715-366-2941 extension 108 **before 9:00 am**



Almond-Bancroft Staff Honored for Years of Service



Principal Jeff Rykal and District Administrator Dan Boxx recognized staff for their years of service to the District during In-service. We applaud their dedication to the District and are grateful for their service.

Back row (L to R): Lisa Vann-5 yrs., Amanda Negro-5 yrs., Marcey Lehman-5 yrs., Gina Smith-5 yrs., Debbie Klinger-5 yrs., Eli Chapa-5 yrs. Middle Row: Sandy Ciula-15 yrs., Dorine Gardner-10 yrs., Lisa Wimme-15 yrs., Crystal Frank-10 yrs., Toni Schumacher-10 yrs., Sheena Vitello-5 yrs., Nicole Schoenfeld-5 yrs., Roger Young-30 yrs. Front: Peg Doede-40 yrs., Sara Blokhuis-20 yrs.

ALMOND-BANCROFT HIGH PRODUCTION:





Mark your calendars, the 2012 High School play will be held November 10th at 7:00 PM and November 11th at 2:00 PM.

Run for the Money!, a comedy in which a crafty old gentleman leaves his heirs clues to their inheritances and makes them search for the riches! Fun for all ages.

Secondary Counselor News: From the Desk of Mrs. Gerlach

Students/Parents of Sophomores:

Once again this year, all Almond-Bancroft sophomore students will be taking the PLAN test. This ACT practice test not only helps students prepare for the ACT but it gives a predictor of success on the ACT, shows an early indication of college readiness, and helps students explore careers that match their interests. The testing process went well last year, and the students found their results helpful. All 10th grade students will be taking PLAN on October 9th this year during hours 1-4.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Gerlach, 6-12 School Counselor, at 366-2941 ext. 414.

University-Bound Juniors & Seniors:

A chance to visit UW-Marathon County is coming up! On Friday, October 5, interested juniors and seniors will travel to UW-Marathon County (UWMC) in Wausau to learn more about this 2-year UW-College. UWMC is a school of access to the 4-year University system. Students spend two years completing their general program of study (courses in English, history, science, and math) at UWMC before they head off to a 4-year WI University to complete their bachelor degree in the major of their choice. UW-Colleges are becoming very popular avenues to the University system due to their smaller class sizes and cheaper tuition compared to the Universities.



AND

You have the opportunity on Friday, October 19th to travel to the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point to visit the campus. You will learn about the admissions process, financial aid, student life, and career services. You will also go on a campus tour, which includes a mini-session on housing and an in-depth look at a residence hall. Even if you may not be interested in attending UW-Stevens Point, this would be a great chance for you to visit a 4-year Wisconsin University.

A sign-up announcement will be made a week prior to both events.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Gerlach, 6-12 School Counselor, at 366-2941 ext. 414.



Family And Consumer Education News

Parenting and Families students are learning about Traits of Strong and Healthy Families. Here is an article written by Tisan Baird describing her thoughts on the importance of one of those traits - family traditions

Connecting Traditions and Your Family

By Tisan Baird

Strong and healthy families.... Doesn't everyone want that? However, because of the "traits" that dictate whether or not you have a strong family, many of us don't. I chose to write on the topic of traditions. This trait falls as number 8 on the priority list according to a survey done by Delores Curran, author and practitioner.

A strong, healthy family has a "sense of family" in which rituals and traditions abound. Also, they cherish their traditions and rituals. So what is a tradition and how does it make your family strong and healthy?

Well, a tradition is "*practices or beliefs that create positive feelings in families and are repeated at regular intervals*" (*real family answers.org*) Also, traditions also help to connect each generation. However, it can be sad when part of the family quits coming to those parties you hold on Christmas, Easter, or when celebrating birthdays. You start to feel like they aren't part of your family, that you don't really know them.

So, traditions help make your family strong, help to connect you, like having lunch together every Sunday. Like with holidays, some of my family doesn't come around for that very much anymore. Some traditions are short lived and end when the person who started them dies or moves away. Others go on for a long time and will never end. What traditions will you start or pass on that you have learned?



Changes in the Elementary for 2012-2013:

Many of you may have noticed some changes or talked with your son/daughter about some changes that have taken place since last school year. One such change includes a revamped schedule for music, art, P.E., library, computer lab, and guidance time. Students have library each week and guidance every other week. We now have an A week and a B week to help keep track of which days we have library and guidance. Another change, that really is just a revamp from last year, is the 30 minute reading intervention time. This allows us to provide title support during this time, increasing the number of adults available to work with the children. They work in small groups that target the skills they need to be better readers. Also, recess has changed this year as well. In the past we have had a 60 minute lunch/recess period and a 15 minute afternoon recess for grades 1-5. After researching other elementary schools, it was found that we were quite high in our amount of recess, particularly at the upper grades. This year we have reduced the lunch/recess period to 45 minutes, and grades 3-5 do not have afternoon recess. This reduction has allowed us to gain valuable instructional time that has been needed to meet the Department of Public Instruction's expectations for core academic instructional minutes.

If you have any questions about these changes you can contact me, Jeff Rykal, 715.366.2941 x 416.



<u>Safety Cadet News</u> By: Mrs. Upton, Safety Coordinator

The beginning of a new school year is always exciting for everyone, students & staff alike! If you're a fifth grader, there is an added bonus. Fifth graders have the option to become a Safety Cadet if they wish. In order for a student to become a Safety Cadet, they must keep up their school grades and be a good role model for younger students. Already, we have many of the 5th graders serving on duty. They are always thrilled when they have memorized their pledge and then get to slip on the orange duty belt!

During the school year, the Safety Cadets that are in good standing (which means that they have kept up with their grades and have been a good role model) will be invited to attend a couple of fun activities. One will be a swim party at the YMCA in Stevens Point and the other will be a trip to Wisconsin Dells for a fun-filled day at Mt. Olympus Amusement Park. All events that the Safety Cadets participate in are sponsored by the Portage County Sheriff's Department.

So far, we are off to a good start! Keep up the great work Cadets!

Almond-Bancroft Girl Scouts

Stuffed A-B Eagle (\$5.00)

Beads (\$1.00/3)

_____ Birthday Tiara or Hat (\$1.00)

Girls Scouts are BACK!! Our first meeting of the year will be Tuesday, October 30th, directly after school. We meet in the Elementary Art room (Mrs. Ritter's room)-3:20- 5:15pm. If you are interested in joining our troop and you are in 2nd through 5th grade, please come and check out what Girl Scouts has to offer and all of the fun things we have planned for this year! Registration forms will be available. There will also be an earlier sign-up opportunity on October 2nd from 6-7pm at the Almond-Bancroft School with a representative from the Girl Scout council. I am looking forward to seeing all of you soon!

Jaimie Winn, 715-366-4446

SINGING BIRTHDAY GRAMS

A-B High School will deliver singing Happy Birthday Telegrams to your favorite Student/Staff member on their birthday! Please allow a 24 hour notice before delivery. These are packages you may select from:

Standard: (\$5.00) Happy Birthday balloon on party stick decorated with ribbon, card, and a round lollipop



_____ A-B stocking hat (\$5.00)

Green & White Pom-Pom (\$2.00 each) _____ A-B Birthday Pen (\$2.00 each)

Extra lollipop (\$1.00 each)

_____ Smencil (\$1.00 each)

Student Name:____

Extras

Birthday:_____

Grade:____

Special Message:_____



Back (L to R): Heather Merila, Marissa Warzynski, Hallie Akkerman, Destiny Dykes, Kiara Turzinski Middle: Alissa Williams, Kaitlynn Lehman, Kayla Smith, Alexis Seitz, Coach Vitello, Janessa Cisewski, Jennifer Castillo, Samantha Bowden, Mckenzie Miner, Hattie Berry, Coach Berry, Maria Vann, Megan Wiczek Coach Bickford, Carissa Perzinski, Lacey Warzynski, Ariel Plaski, Patience Turner Front: Meghan Menadue, Alex Spohn, Hailey Wierzba, Lesly Guerra-Reyna, Ashley Takacs, Megan Burns, Natalie Romo





October Eagles Athletic Events



10/1-JV Football @ Rosholt, 6:00 pm -MS Volleyball Home vs. Westfield, 5:00 pm 10/2-MS Volleyball Home vs. St. Pete's, 4:30 pm -HS Volleyball Home vs. Tigerton, 6:00 pm 10/4-MS Football @ Tri-County, 7:00 pm -MS Volleyball @ Iola, 5:00 pm 10/5-Varsity Football @ Tri-County, 7:00 pm 10/6-Varsity Volleyball Conference Tourney TBD 10/8-JV Football Home vs. Port Edwards, 6:00 pm -MS Volleyball Home vs. Port Edwards, 5:00 pm 10/9-MS Football @ St. Pete's, 4:30 pm 10/11-MS Volleyball @ Tri-County, 5:00 pm 10/12-Varsity Football Home vs. Bowler/Gresham, 7:00 pm 10/15-JV Football @ Bowler, 6:00 pm 10/16-Varsity Volleyball Regionals TBD 10/19-Varsity Football Level 1 Play-off TBD 10/29-MS Boys Basketball Home vs. Port Edwards, 5:30 pm





HELP NEEDED!



The Almond-Bancroft Music Department is in dire need of help from the community! We are hosting the annual **WSMA District Solo & Ensemble Festival** this academic school year on **Saturday February 23, 2013**. In order for this festival to run smoothly we need many volunteers to help in the following ways:

Door monitors Runners Set up (move pianos, set up performance sites, hang up signs etc.) Take down Kitchen service Hospitality room Headquarters personnel

If you are interested in volunteering your time or have any questions please contact one of the following:

Crystal Frank (715-366-2941 x 124) or <u>cfrank@abschools.k12.wi.us</u> Mary Schmidt (715-366-2941 x326) or <u>mschmidt@abschools.k12.wi.us</u>







Wednesday, October 10, 2012

@6:30pm

In the Agriculture Room (next to the District office)

Come and Kick-off the year with the: Almond-Bancroft FFA Alumni Chapter!! Support our students involved in Agriculture and FFA You did NOT have to be an FFA member yourself!

If you are interested in joining and unable to attend: Please email Jodi Meyer @ <u>jmeyer@abschools.k12.wi.us</u> We will send information about what was discussed.

Bring a friend and join the fun!!



Jen Grezenski Americorps Staff Almond-Bancroft School District 715-366-2941 Ext#323 jgrezenski@abschools.k12.wi.us

AmeriCorps 2012-2013 School Year Goals

Welcome to another school year with AmeriCorps. The past two years have been eventful and exciting as the AmeriCorps member and I am proud to have the opportunity to serve with AmeriCorps for another year.

Through the AmeriCorps program, there have been a number of accomplishments and opportunities for the Almond-

Bancroft community. I would like leadership opportunities for our to continue these efforts by setting a few goals for the school year.

Goals for this school year include to continue the After School Tutoring Center, improve the quality of the Community Education classes, and increase opportunities for volunteers in the area. I plan to continue creating service learning and teen

high school students as well as meet the needs of the community.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel free to call or send an email. I am looking forward to the adventures this next year will bring.

News From Mrs. Grezenski, Americorps Staff

S.T.E.P. into action with Almond-Bancroft School's

The School Board approved the Senior Tax Employment Program (S.T.E.P.) for another year. This program allows people who are 62 years of age or older, who are paying property taxes in the Almond-Bancroft School District, and who receive Social Security to volunteer within the schools to earn money that would go towards their property taxes.

Those who qualify for the program and are interested in the volunteer opportunities the Almond-Bancroft district offers \$7.00 an hour towards volunteer's property tax; there is a cap of \$400.00 that can be earned. To be a part of this program, volunteers can apply with the District Office at 1336 Elm Street in Almond, Wisconsin.

If you have any questions or would like more information about how to apply or how to get involved, please contact Jen Grezenski at 715-366-2941 Ext# 323. Or send an email to jgrezenski@abschools.k12.wi.us



After School Tutoring Center 2012-2013 School Year

The school year has begun and it is time to start thinking about working towards a great school year. After School Tutoring Center is an opportunity for your son/daughter to increase grades, put a focus on their unique strengths while improving possible weakness, and build confidence to improve their self image. Since this program was established to help your child, what a better way than to start the program at the beginning of the school year. The **Tutoring Center will be held on Monday through** Thursday from 3:30-5:00 in room 325. The center will be open starting Monday October 1, 2012. Transportation will **<u>not</u>** be provided- arrangements must be made.

If you are interested in signing up your son/ daughter for the Tutoring Center, please pick up a contract in the main office and return it in to Jen Grezenski. With any questions or comments, please call 715-366-2941 Ext# 323 or via email at jgrezenski@abschools.k12.wi.us. I look forward to working with you and your child during this school year.



Jen Grezenski AmeriCorps Staff for Almond-Bancroft School District 715-366-2941 Ext#323 Jgrezenski@abschools.k12.wi.us



Dear Parents/Guardians of Potential Tutoring Students;

The school year has begun and it is time to start thinking about working towards a great school year. After School Tutoring Center is an opportunity for your son/daughter to increase grades, put a focus on their unique strengths while improving possible weakness, treat one another in a respectful manner, and build confidence to improve their self image. Since this program was established to help your child, what better way than to start the program at the beginning of the school year. AHC will be held on Monday through Thursday from 3:30-5:00 in room #325. The center will be open starting Monday, October 1, 2012. Transportation will **not** be provided-arrangements must be made.

During the hour-and-an-half the center is open more than half of the time will be spent in the library working on homework, catching up on missing assignments, completing their reading minutes, and finishing projects. However, this program is about much more than school work. Besides the classroom aspect of this program, the students will be a chance to take part in creating relationships with student tutors, listen to guest speakers, learn new skills, and play games to expel their excess energy.

If you are interested in signing up your son/daughter for After School Tutoring Center, please pick up a contract and turn it in to the office. For any questions or comments, please call me at 715-366-2941 Ext# 323 or I can be reached via email at jgrezenski@abschools.k12.wi.us. I look forward to working with you and your child during this school year.

There are a few dates in the first semester where we will **not** hold tutoring sessions, please mark your calendars accordingly. Those dates are: Tuesday, November 8

Thursday, November 13 Friday, December 21

Sincerely,

Jen Grezenski AmeriCorps Staff for the Almond-Bancroft School District





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After Hours Center Contract

Dear parents/guardians and student:

This contract is in place to serve the student, parents/guardians, and the school by allowing everyone to be on the same page with one another as the AHC Program starts a new year. AHC is open Monday thru Thursday 3:30-5:00 in room #325. Please read the contract thoroughly and sign; this signature symbolizes your acceptance to the program.

I,		, agree that	will:
	(Parent/Guardian)	(Student)	

- Attend the AHC Program regularly; however not required to until 5:00 each day.
- Follow all school rules while in AHC, including no cell phones.
- Have the opportunity to listen to guest speakers, partake in educational activities, and work with tutors.

In the area below, please provide contact information the parent/guardian can be reached between 3:30-5:00 and any comments or suggestions you would like to make in regards to this program.

Contact Information:

Comments/Suggestions:

Please check the box below if you would be willing to volunteer in any of these areas:

	Tutoring		Guest Speaking		Teach a Community Education Class	Mentoring
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COMMUNITY NEWS!

More information can be found on the AB website - Family Resources

Community Education Updates

AB Book Club

A-B Book club is running for another school year and we are meeting every other Tuesday. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 25th @ 4 pm in room 323. The first selection will be Brass Ring by Diane Chamberlain. Please come prepared to discuss the book while enjoying a small snack.

Exercise Program

To hold an exercise program again this school year, we need volunteers to hold classes. If you are interested in hosting a class in the school or would like a specific class, please contact Jen Grezenski.

Exercise Club will run once again, a great way to earn rewards to keeping physically active. Just record how often you exercise and turn in your hours by the end of each month to be entered into a drawing for exercise prizes. Start the program NOW!

Community Education 2012-2013 School Year

Did not see something you were interested in last year with the community education program? Contact Jen Grezenski to request a community education class or to pass along comments and suggestions for this upcoming school year. Community Education is looking for talented community members who would like their skills with the community; host a community education class at the school. Contact Jen Grezenski to arrange an opportunity.

Jen Grezenski, AmeriCorps Member for Almond-Bancroft: jgrezenski@abschools.k12.wi.us/715-366-2941 ext. 323

Money for Music

Vote for Almond-Bancroft at wdez.com/money-for-music/vote/

WDEZ (101.9 FM) radio station is offering an exciting promotion for local school music programs. Each school in our area is competing to get the most votes at WDEZ.com and the top 5 schools will be awarded a share of the \$13,000 prizes. Last year, we were able to reach the top 10 schools; however, we were just shy of a prize winning spot. Let's work together to raise funds for our band program. Please help by voting once a day for Almond-Bancroft and ask your family and friends to do the same! Listen for bonus songs with Bryan and Nikki in the morning to earn 1000 extra points each time the song is played throughout the day. Also, earn extra votes by visiting live broadcasts in central WI.

Voting ends November 9, 2012

Calling all Volunteers!

If you are interested in volunteering at the Almond-Bancroft Schools, please contact Jen Grezenski or check out volunteerrocks.org to find more information

about upcoming opportunities. Support is always needed in the library, chaperoning field trips, or assisting with classroom tasks.





WALL OF HONOR

I am continuing the "Wall Of Honor". I really need help keeping it current.

I need to know: Who is still in the military.

Who may still be in a combat zone.

Who is now out of the service.

Thank you so much for your support.

Esther Whitman
715-366-2174 <u>larest@uniontel.net</u>



Hope for Morgan

A benefit to support Morgan Baar and her family Saturday, November 3rd from 4pm-10pm

Almond-Bancroft High School Dinner begins at 5pm DJ from 6-10pm Raffle Prizes include: Packers Tickets, Chainsaw, Gun, Plane Rides, Gift Baskets, and More! Activities include: Morgan Bingo, Kids' Games, Face Painting, Sumo Wrestling, Inflatable Obstacle Courses

On September 5th, Morgan, the daughter of Jim and Monica Hunkins of Almond, WI, was in a tragic car accident and is currently in a coma facing many medical challenges. Please join the community in showing your love and hope for Morgan and her family!

*Wrist bands, ribbons, and t-shirts are available now at A-B school and during football/volleyball games.

The proceeds go to Morgan and her family.

Questions? Call (715)366-2941 extensions 323 or 312

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Hope for Morgan T-shirts

The Almond-Bancroft Clubs and Organizations helping to raise money to help the Baar/Hunkins family with the medical costs for Morgan Baar, a 2012 grad of Almond-Bancroft HS. Morgan served as the A-B Student Council President and was the 2011 Homecoming Queen. Morgan is currently suffering from multiple injuries from a car accident.

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Phone:

Amount You owe: \$____

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shirt									

Please make checks payable to Almond-Bancroft Schools

Orders must be placed by October 24th to be available for the November 3rd, Hope for Morgan Benefit.

Please plan to join us for Morgan's Benefit!!

For questions, please contact Jen Grezenski @ jgrezenski@abschools.k12.wi.us or 715-366-2941 ext. 323

A "Thank you" to *Point Embroidery and Screen, Stevens Point* for printing and donating some of the t-shirt cost to help us benefit the family even more.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
1	2	3	4	5	
Ham & Cheese Breakfast Bar	n & Cheese Oatmeal, Toast		Box Breakfast	Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt	
8 Pancake Wrapped Sausage	9 Scrambled Eggs, Toast	10 Breakfast Pizza	11 Box Breakfast	12 Bagel, Yogurt	
15 French Toast Sticks	16 Oatmeal, Toast	17 Breakfast Bagel	18 Box Breakfast	19 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt	
22 Ham & Cheese Breakfast Bar	23 Box Breakfast	24 25 Egg Omelet, Toast Breakfast Pizza		26 No School	
29 French Toast Sticks	30 Oatmeal, Toast	31 Box Breakfast	Breakfast Prices: Reduced – No Char		
\$13.50 Per	Juice or Fresh Fruit Served Daily with Breakfast		4K (M-W) – 10 days 4K (T-Th) – 9 days (K-12 th grade – 22 d		
Quarter	\sum	Milk Served with Every Meal	Lunch	n Menu	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
1 Chicken & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes	2 Beefy Nachos	3 Hamburger, French Fries, Baked Beans	4 Mostaccioli, Garden Bar	5 Corn Dog, Ravioli	
8 Pizza, Garden Bar	9 Beef Tips, Noodles	10 Chicken Stir Fry, Rice, Garden Bar	11 Baked Potato Bar	12 Ham Sandwich, Sunchips, Sweet Potatoes	
15 Tacos	16 Chicken Pot Pie	17 Frito Chili	18 Brats, Potato Wedges	19 Chicken Fajita	
22 Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese	23 BBQ, French Fries	24 Hamburger Gravy, Mashed Potatoes	25 Cheese Fries, Garden Bar	26 No School	
29 Chicken Pattie, Wedges	30 Hamburger Mac Hot Dish	31 Chicken Quesadilla	Lunch Prices: Reduced 4K (M-W) –10 d Reduced 4K (T-Th) – 9 da	ys @ .40= \$3.60	
	egetable and Fruit Served with Every Lunch ew for 2012-13 Fresh Fruit and	\leq	Reduced K-12 – 22 days (4K (M-W) – 10 days @ 1. 4K (T-Th) – 9 days @ 1.70 K-5 th grade – 22 days @ 1 6 th – 12 th grade – 22 days	70= \$17.00)= \$15.30	



From the desk of Pat Leary

Dear Parent (s),

Little reminder, if your family qualified for free or reduced meals last year and have not filled out a new Free and Reduced School Application for this year you MUST to do so by October 1st otherwise you will be charged for full price meals. If you have any questions regarding this contact me, pleary@abschools.k12.wi.us or 715-366-2941 x421. If I am not at my desk please leave a message, I will return your call as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Pat Leary, Food Service Director Connie Kaehn, Head Cook Teresa Gutke, Assistant Cook "This institution is an equal opportunity provider"

Due To Federal Guidelines, Almond-Bancroft Schools Lunch & Milk Prices Have Increased To: PreK-5th - \$1.70 6th-12th - \$1.95 Milk - \$.30 Breakfast and Reduced Lunch prices will not be increased.

Almond and Bancroft Community Trick or Treating Events

Almond

Trick or Treating will be held on **Sunday**, **October 28, from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M.** *If you want children to stop at your home for treats, please leave your outside light on.*

The Almond Lions Club will hold a Halloween party for pre-school through 5th grade on Friday, October 26, from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. in the Almond School East Gym.

Bancroft

Trick or Treating will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2012, from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M.



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